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BORSTAR RESCUES A MOTHER AND HER 8 YEAR OLD SON

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that On or about July 23, 2003, at or near Sells, in the District of Arizona, Jesus Tirado-Mata, DOB 9/25/77 and Gabino Reyes-Garcia, DOB 2/19/68 named herein as defendants and co-conspirators, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other and with other persons known and unknown to transport certain aliens, Justo Rafael Gonzalez-Reyna and Luisa Camacho-Caro, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Sections 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) and 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I).

On or about July 23, 2003, the defendants JESUS TIRADO-MATA and GABINO REYES-GARCIA transported a group of 14 illegal aliens from the Republic of Mexico into the United States at or near Sells, in the District of Arizona. Defendants TIRADO and REYES drove the group across the international border until the road became impassable and then guided the group through the desert on foot. Among the illegal aliens in the group were Rafael Gonzalez-Reyes and Luisa Camacho-Caro. A mother, her eight year old son, and Defendant REYES were left behind by Defendant TIRADO. When Defendant

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TIRADO was later apprehended with his group, one of the illegal aliens in the group advised United States

Border Patrol of the individuals left behind. A nearby rancher called United States Border Patrol regarding

the missing individuals and United States Border Patrol Rescue (BORSTAR) responded to the ranch to pick

up Defendant REYES and the mother and son.

A criminal complaint is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity

and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented

to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the complaint was conducted Bureau of Customs and Border

Protection.

The prosecution is being handled by Jane Westby, Assistant United States Attorney, District of

Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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